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Oakland M. E. Church (Old Oakland Methodist Church)  
Mineral Hill Road at Oakland Road

c.1860

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Oakland M. E. Churchand/or common Old Oakland Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street & number Mineral Hill Road at Oakland Road    not for publicationcity, town Eldersburg   x vicinity of    congressional district   state Maryland county Carroll

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  </u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>X</u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Oakland Methodist Churchstreet & number 5901 Mineral Hill Road telephone no.:   city, town Sykesville state and zip code Maryland 21784

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber   street & number 55 North Court Street folio   city, town Westminster state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title   date       federal    state    county    local   depository for survey records   city, town    state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

**Summary:** Old Oakland M. E. Church is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Mineral Hill Road, Oakland Mills Road, and Oakland (Melville) Road, about 2½ miles northeast of Eldersburg in southeast Carroll County. The church faces west, and there is a cemetery to the east and north. The church is a two-bay by three-bay, one-story structure with rubble stone walls that are stuccoed. The gable roof has asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. The west elevation has two pair of double doors. In the gable end are two 3/3 sash. The raking eave has jigsawn bargeboards with a saw-tooth type pattern. According to the pastor, there is a datestone with "1860" on this elevation, but it is now stuccoed over. Both the south and north elevations are alike, with three square-headed windows of stained glass. The interior walls are plaster on masonry. The gabled ceiling is plaster, and is coved at the eaves. Below the cove is a run plaster cornice on the north and south walls. The church has a balcony on the west end, with winder stairs in the southwest and northwest corners. The pews are made of plain boards and are grained. They are set in three columns, with two aisles. On the east end is a raised dais with a three-piece altar rail.

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The church is a two-bay by three-bay, one-story structure with rubble stone walls that are stuccoed. The gable roof has asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. There is a box cornice, now covered with aluminum, with returns. The west elevation has two pair of double doors, with stone sills and a five-light transom above. Between the doors and the transom is an ogee moulding that is carried around on the panelled jambs. The soffit is also panelled. The doors have four panels each. The panels are sunk and have narrow ogee panel moulds, with a small bead on the inside of the ogee. In the gable end are two 3/3 sash with stone sills. The raking eave has jigsawn bargeboards with a saw-tooth type pattern. According to the pastor, there is a datestone with "1860" on this elevation, but it is now stuccoed over.

Both the south and north elevations are alike, with three square-headed windows of stained glass that have stone sills. The windows have a dark blue margin, an amber field, green vertical stripes and lilac horizontal bands. Each window has a circular

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medallion painted with a different symbol, set above center. At the bottom is a memorial tablet with pale blue oval glass inside it. The glass design of the window is in a lancet shape, with blue glass in the spandrels. There are three narrow, slit vents in the foundation. Between the center and east bays is a parged interior chimney stack. The chimney on the north elevation is a little taller than that on the south. The east elevation has one short, square-headed stained glass window like the others. The sill is parged. The eaves have the same bargeboards as found on the west.

The interior walls are plaster on masonry, and appear to have originally been painted a slate color. The gabled ceiling is plaster, and is coved at the eaves. Below the cove is a run plaster cornice on the north and south walls. It has a torus at the top and bottom, with a cavetto in between. The east elevation has only the top torus in the cornice, while the west elevation has nothing. There is a plain baseboard. The random-width board floors run east-west. The church has a balcony on the west end, with winder stairs in the southwest and northwest corners. The ceiling under the balcony is plastered and slopes down from west to east. The stairs are enclosed with plaster walls, and have a closet underneath them. The closet doors have vertical, beaded-edge-and-center boards, surrounds with a beaded interior edge, and are grained. There are doors on the stairs that match those on the closets, but are painted. The interior side of the front (west) doors are also grained. The interior walls of the stairs have beaded edge vertical boards that were painted a dark olive green. The balcony has an aisle across the front, with three steps up to the west that hold benches.

A later wall with two doors has been constructed under the east end of the balcony to create a vestibule on the west. Two engaged Greek Doric columns survive, partly hidden by the wall; there is one under each end of the balcony. The balcony wall above has broad, depressed lancets with flat, sunk panels. The pews are made of plain boards, topped with a simple flat moulding, and grained. They are set in three columns, with two aisles. On the east end is a raised dais with a three-piece altar rail. The rail has the same gothic motif as the balcony, but is open between the balusters, not panelled. The finish on the rail is deteriorated and it is not clear whether it was grained or simply painted. There is a raised podium for the pulpit, which has since been moved aside. The pulpit is dark pine, with flat sunk panels in gothic arches. Along the east wall are five walnut chairs. Three are from New Oakland M. E. Church, South, according to the pastor, while two are original to this church.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates c.1860 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion

Resource Types: Church, Rural vernacular

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Around 1885 the church had the same stucco finish and bargeboards found today, as well as the same front doors; the panels in these doors were painted a light color,

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**ADDENDA**

Traditionally, the date of construction for the Old Oakland M. E. Church is given as 1860, although the source of this date is unknown. A correspondent in 1878 gives the date 1851 for the structure and leaves little doubt that the existing building is the one being referred to.

The Oakland church is a substantial and comfortable stone edifice, built in eighteen hundred and fifty-one, which the ministers of the M. E. and M. E. church South, alternately hold divine service.

The mention of stone suggests that the building was not yet stuccoed. The stucco is clearly shown on a photograph dated c. 1885, which helps to date this alteration rather closely between 1878 and c. 1885.

Source: Westminster Democratic Advocate  
16 November 1878, p. 3. c. 1

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while the rest of the door was dark. In front of the church was a picket fence. The posts were round uneven logs tapered at the top. The tops of the pickets were decoratively cut, and the tops of the pickets on the double gate were set on a diagonal, being higher in the center than at either end. By around 1900 the stucco was painted a medium color, and was scored or striped to imitate ashlar. The doors and jambs were painted a light color, and now the panels were darker. This changed again by about 1940, when the doors were painted one dark color, and the striping was gone from the walls. By this time the stained glass had been installed.

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Stone is a rare building material for any structure, and represents a greater investment in time and money. Most stone churches in Carroll County are later, and are located in towns, where there was a greater concentration of money. The fact that Oakland M. E. Church is stone makes it significant, but the church also retains a very high degree of integrity, both inside and out. There are few rural churches in Carroll County that retain this much integrity.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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"Oakland U.M. Church Harvest of Memories Homecoming", 1988, Margaretta McCoy

## 10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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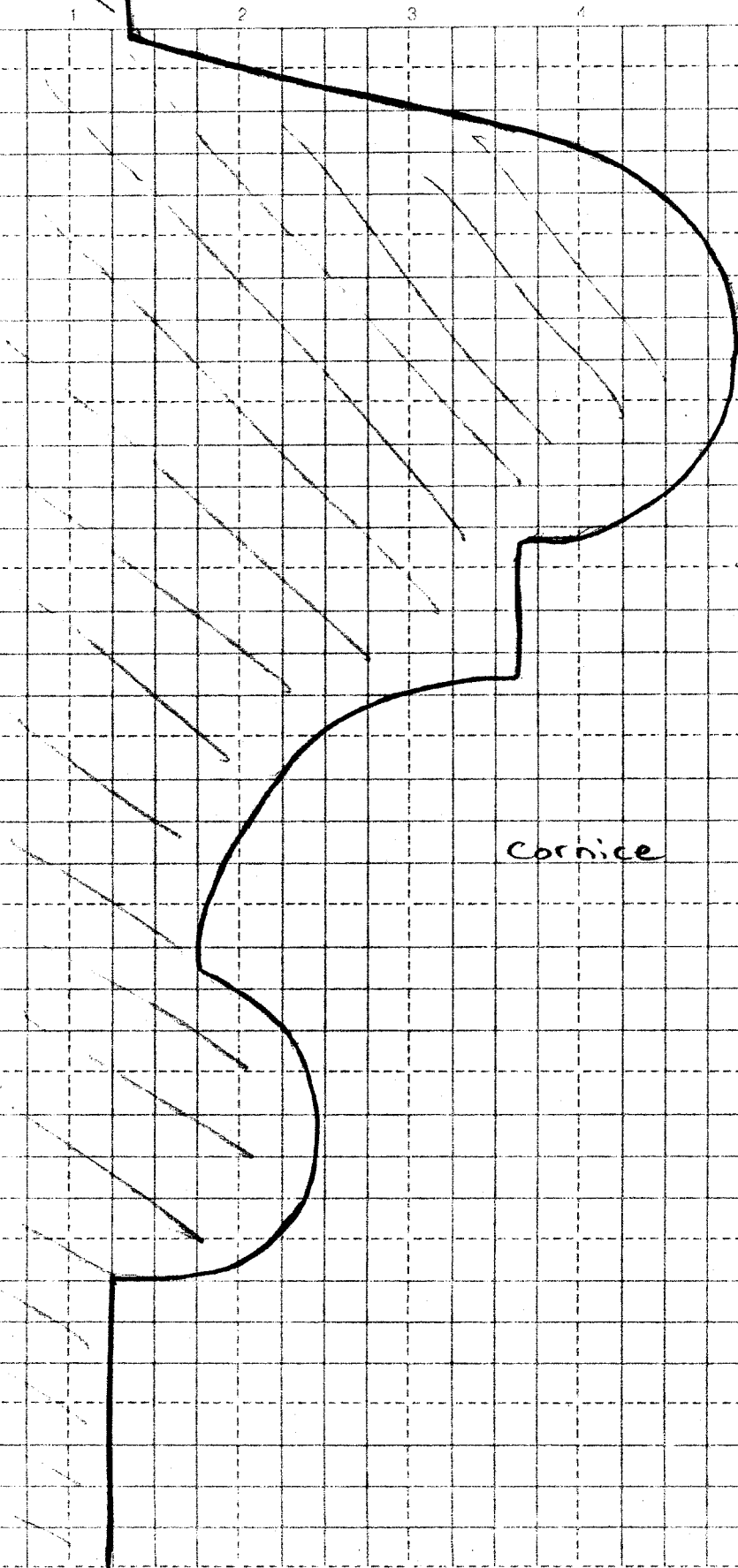
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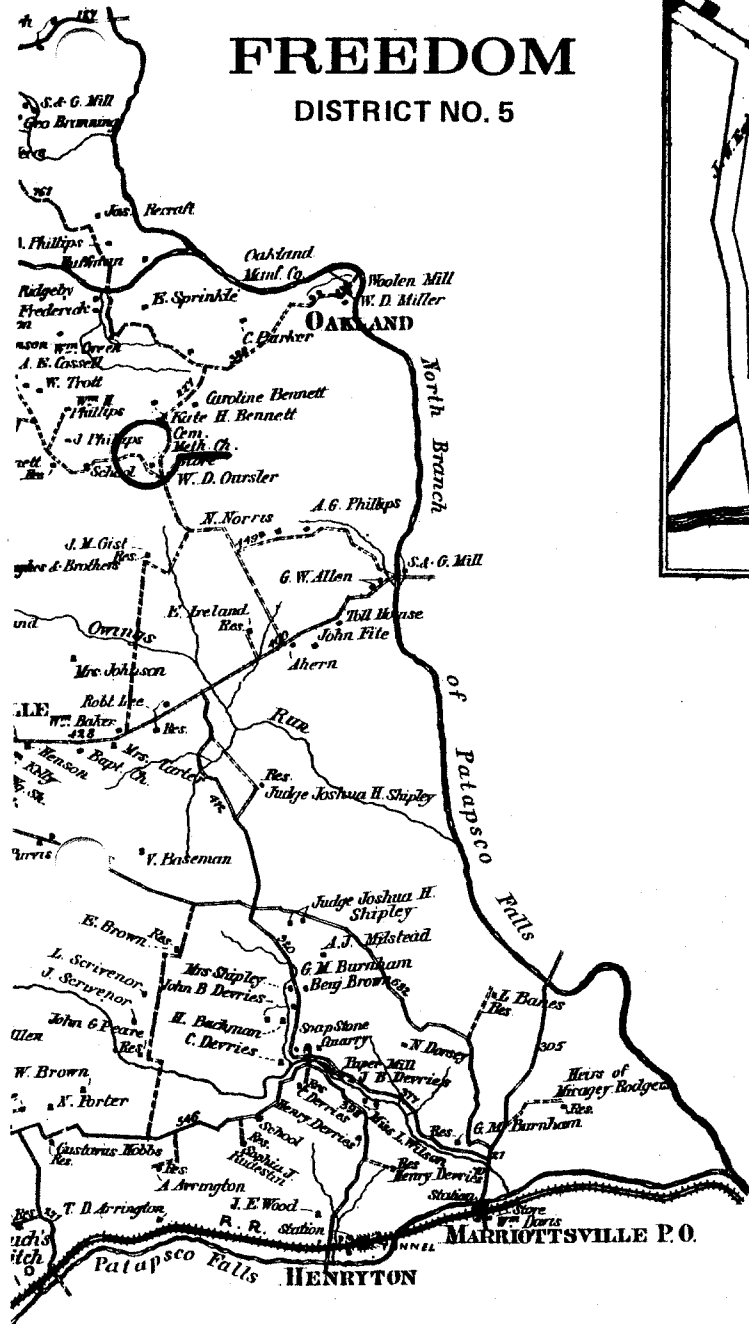


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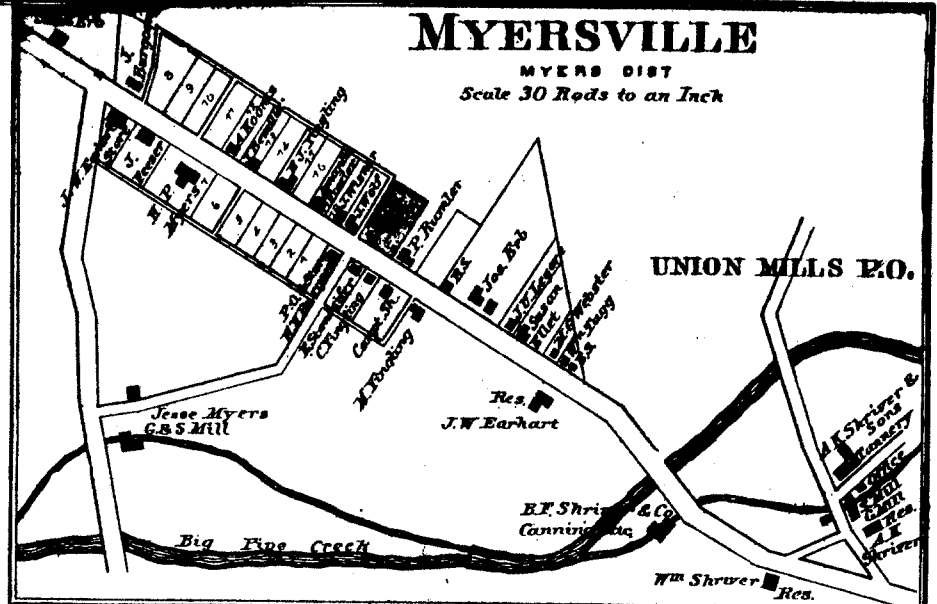
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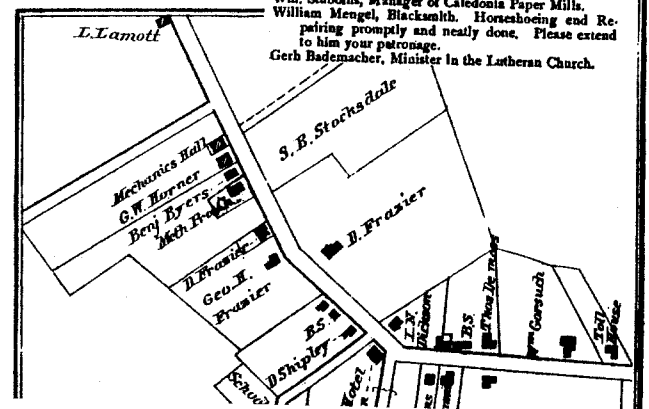


## UNION MILLS AND MYERSVILLE BUSINESS REFERENCES.

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- B. F. & T. H. Shriver, Manufacturers of Flour and Dealers in Grain. Packers of Fruits and Vegetables. Union Mills.
- J. N. Mark, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Tobacco and Cigars, Notions, &c., &c. Store at Silver Run.
- John Feaser, Agent for the Sterling and Bay State Cabinet Organs. Silver Run Post-office.
- John Studt, Physician and Surgeon. A specialty made of broken limbs and fever sores. Residence and office one and a quarter miles northwest of Silver Run.
- John Wiest, Proprietor of Big Pipe Creek Mills. Manufacturer of Flour, Feed, and Meal. Also, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in the same. Three and a half miles west of Silver Run.
- James E. Dodder, Proprietor of the Old Graves' Mills on Big Pipe Creek. Manufacturer of Flour and Dealer in Grain. Silver Run.
- John Kountz, Manufacturer of Grain Cradles and Repairer of all kinds of Farm Implements. Silver Run.
- Joshua Myers, Blacksmith. Work of all kinds in his line done to order at short notice.
- Joshua Dettler, Raiser and Dealer in Italian Bees. Manufactures and sells the "Langetra Improved Movable Comb Bee Hive." Residence and farm one and a half miles north of Silver Run.
- Wm. Tagg, Blacksmith. All work done promptly to order.

## FINKSBURG BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- James A. Bush, Surveyor, Conveyancer and Scrivener, Patapasco Station.
- J. H. Chew & Co., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Teas and Spices of all kinds, and a general line of goods usually kept in a first-class country store.
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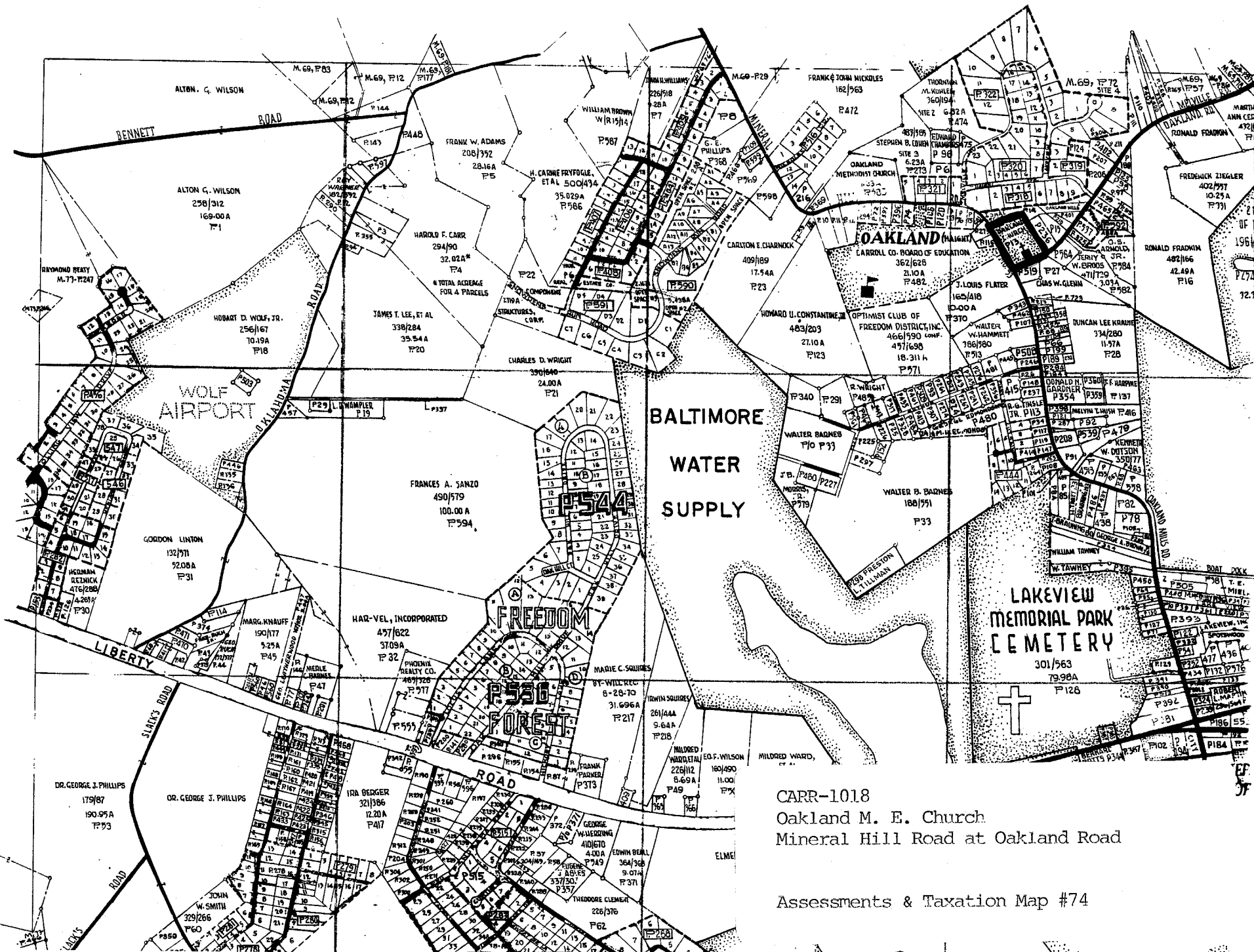


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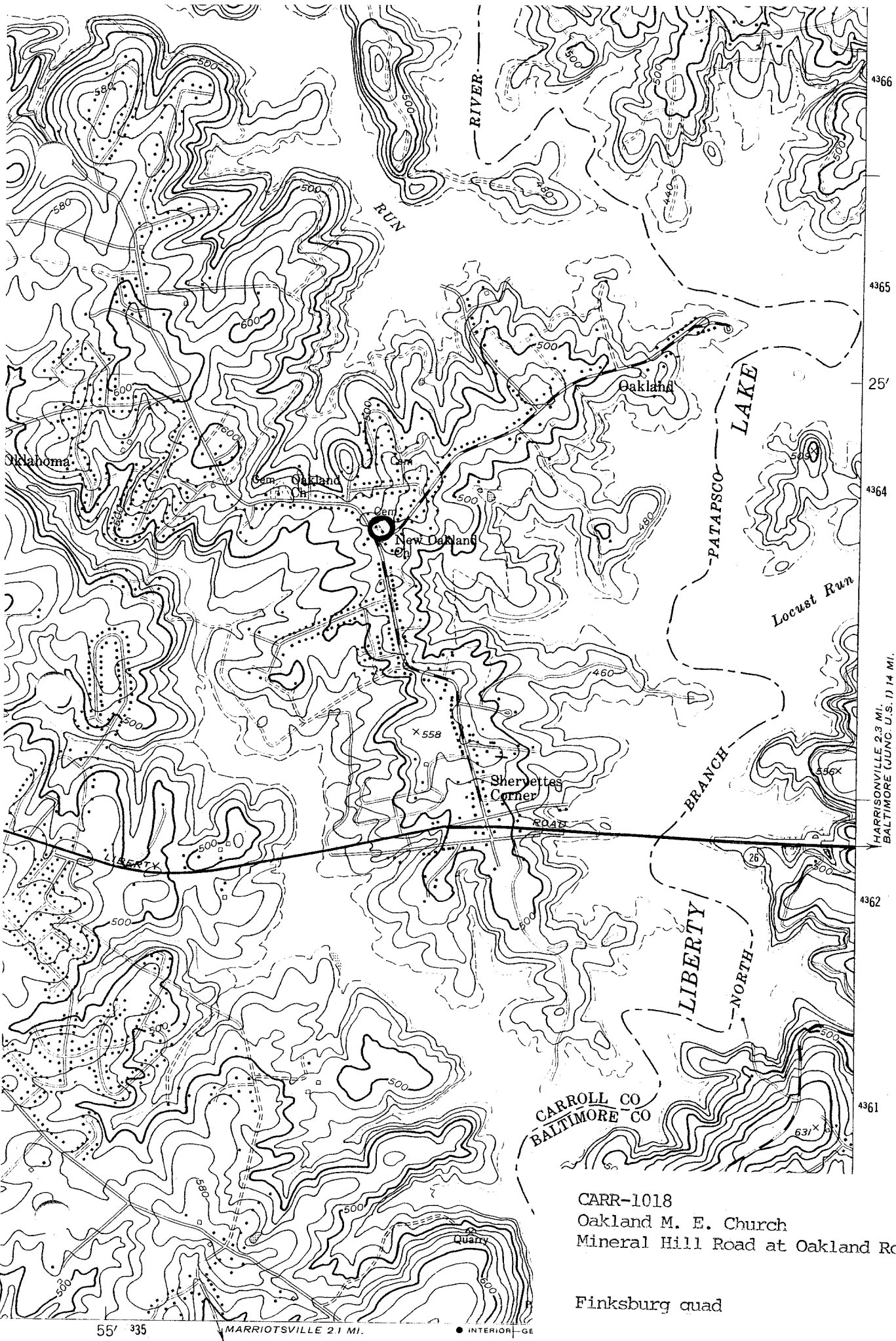
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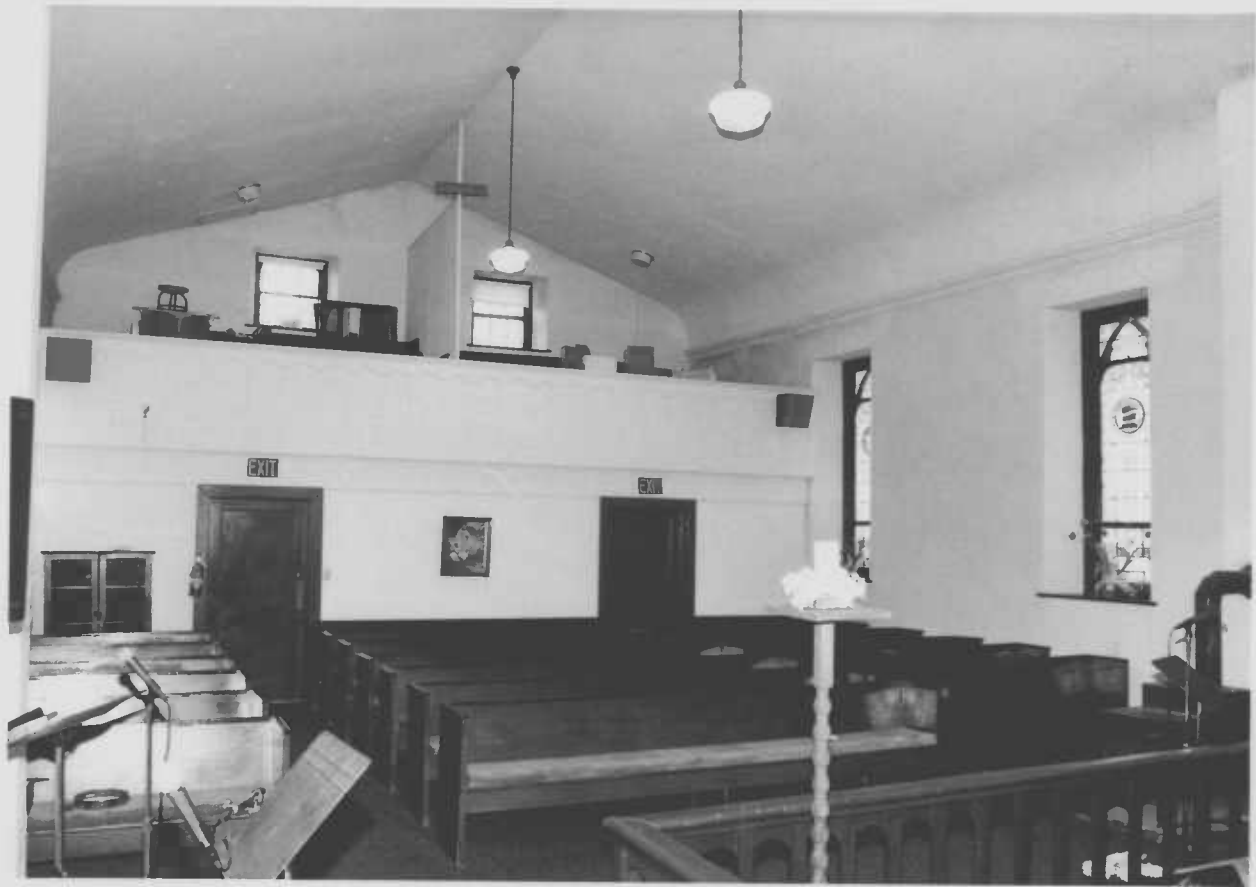
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interior - view northeast



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interior - view northwest



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